

# **WHATINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **POLICY FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS, FILMING AND AUDIO RECORDING**

The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 gave the right to the public and press to attend council meetings and receive copies of the agenda.

This was extended by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to allow members of the public and press to take photographs; film and audio record all public council meetings.

Although no prior permission is required for this, the council would out of courtesy, expect to be advised 10 days before the meeting if any of these actions are intended in order to allow the council to provide reasonable facilities for this to take place. Members of the public and especially parents of children can object to be filmed or photographed. It is the responsibility of those undertaking imaging activities to obtain any necessary clearance from any individual member of the public who attends the meeting.

In accordance with our Standing Orders paragraph 10, the Chairman can exclude a person if their activities are being disruptive to the good conduct of the meeting.